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TAGS: MILI, PINS, AD

SUBJECT: MPLA HAS MIG AIRCRAFT, SAVIMBI CLAIMS

1. ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL ON OCT 30 REPORTED THAT UNITA PRESIDENT JONAS SAVIMBI, IN LUSAKA PRESS CONFERENCE PREVIOUS EVENING, ACCUSED MPLA OF BEING IN POSSESSION OF SIX TO TWELVE MIG FIGHTER AIRCRAFT TO BE USED FOR BOMBING UNITA AND FNLA HELD CITIES FOLLOWING NOV 11 INDEPENDENCE DAY. SAVIMBI SAID MIGS ARE STATIONED "NEAR ANGOLA" BUT DID NOT SPECIFY IN WHICH COUNTRY THEY NOW ARE. AS A RESULT OF THIS THREAT, SAVIMBI SAID, UNITA IS ALSO SEEKING TO OBTAIN JET FIGHTERS FROM ITS OWN ARMS SUPPLIERS. SAVIMBI DID NOT IDENTIFY LATTER.

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2. IN OTHER REPORTED REMARKS, SAVIMBI ACKNOWLEDGED HELP FROM FNLA FORCES FOR UNITA IN ITS CAPTURE OF MOCAMEDES OCT. 28, BUT DENIED EXISTANCE OF ANY FORMAL MILITARY ALLIANCE BETWEEN TWO MOVEMENTS. HE SAID THERE IS STILL "A SLIM CHANCE" FIGHTING BETWEEN THREE MOVEMENTS CAN BE HALTED BEFORE NOV 11 AS CONSEQUENCE OF EFFORTS OF OAU CONCILIATION COMMISSION WHICH RECENTLY VISITED ANGOLA.
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